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REMARKS

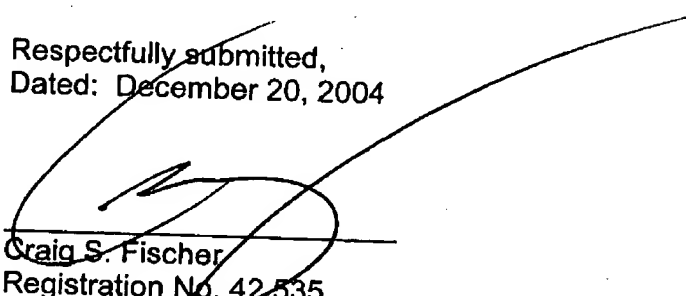
In response to a telephonic interview between Examiner Chen and Craig Fischer on December 17, 2004, claims 2, 7 and 19 have been amended and claim 6 has been canceled. Therefore, claims 2, 5 and 7-23 are now in the case. The Applicants respectfully believe that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance. In light of the amendments, reexamination and reconsideration of the amended application are requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

In a telephonic interview between Examiner Chen and Craig Fischer on December 17, 2004, an agreement was reached that the amendments set forth above overcome the cited art. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully submits that subject application as amended is in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this subject application to issue.

In an effort to expedite and further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicants kindly invite the Examiner to telephone the Applicants' attorney at (805) 278-8855 if the Examiner has any comments, questions or concerns, wishes to discuss any aspect of the prosecution of this application, or desires any degree of clarification of this response.

Respectfully submitted,
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